

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, amendments have been made in the claims, and each of the rejections set forth in the Office Action has been carefully considered and is addressed below. The claims as presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-31 were previously pending in this application. Claims 12 and 25 are cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 13 and 23 are amended. No claims are added. As a result, claims 1-11, 13-24 and 26-31 remain pending for examination, with claims 1, 13 and 23 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Each of independent claims 1, 13 and 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,578,046 to Chang et al. ("Chang") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0216498 to Georgalas et al. ("Georgalas"). Each of independent claims 1, 13 and 23 is amended herein, and patentably distinguishes over any combination of the asserted references.

A. Independent Claims 1 and 13

As amended herein, each of independent claims 1 and 13 includes limitations directed to an enterprise component corresponding to a data store component and comprising a data store object component corresponding to at least one data store object stored in each of a plurality of data stores. A data store object source code generator is configured to generate object-oriented programming language source code for each data store object component of an object-oriented heterogeneous data store interface.

Each of independent claims 1 and 13 patentably distinguishes over any combination of the asserted references. Specifically, neither Chang nor Georgalas says anything at all relating to a data store object component corresponding to one or more data store objects stored in each of a plurality

of data stores, or a data store object source code generator configured to generate object-oriented programming language source code for each data store object component of an object-oriented heterogeneous data store interface, as required by each of claims 1 and 13.

Accordingly, each of independent claims 1 and 13 patentably distinguishes over any combination of the asserted references, such that the rejection of these claims, and of the claims that depend respectively therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being obvious over Chang in view of Georgalas should be withdrawn.

B. Independent Claim 23

As amended herein, independent claim 23 is amended to include limitations directed to a data store object source code generator capable of generating object-oriented programming language source code for each data store object component of an object-oriented heterogeneous data store interface, wherein the data store object source code generator generates object-oriented programming language source code for each data store object component corresponding to the extensible markup language (XML) data store object definition generated from a graphical representation.

Amended independent claim 23 patentably distinguishes over any combination of the asserted references. Specifically, neither Chang nor Georgalas discloses or suggests a data store object source code generator which generates object-oriented programming language source code for each data store object component corresponding to the extensible markup language (XML) data store object definition generated from a graphical representation, as required by claim 23.

Accordingly, amended claim 23 patentably distinguishes over any combination of the asserted references, such that the rejection of claim 23, and of each claim that depends therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being obvious over Chang in view of Georgalas should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. M1103.70561US00.

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